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therethrough when said shield is first retracted to said second position and then extended to said first position by said spring and locking said shield in said first position.

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4. (Amended) The safety shield system defined in Claim 1, wherein said one of said channel-shaped tracks includes an inwardly projecting resilient finger portion adjacent said opening resiliently biasing said outwardly inclined end portion of said one of said resilient hook-shaped fingers inwardly and releasably retaining said shield in said first position prior to retraction of said shield to said end portion of said second position and said resilient hook-shaped finger in said track initially guiding said one of said resilient hook-shaped fingers over said opening when said shield is retracted to said second position.

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8. (Amended) The safety shield system defined in Claim 1, wherein said plurality of fingers each include a U-shaped portion integrally connected at one end to a tubular body portion of said clip member.

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11. (Amended) A pen needle and safety shield system, said pen injector having a generally tubular body portion for receiving a container of fluid having an open end and a closure in said open end, a needle cannula assembly including a hub and needle cannula extending through said hub having a first end extending into said pen injector body and a second end extending away from said pen injector body for injection and transfer of fluid from said body to a user, said safety shield system including a generally tubular clip member having a plurality of circumferentially spaced resilient hook-shaped fingers each having an outwardly inclined end portion, a generally tubular recipricable shield including a first portion surrounding said clip member, a second portion normally surrounding said second end of said needle cannula and a plurality of spaced axially extending inwardly opening channel-shaped tracks on an inside surface of said shield receiving said laterally projecting resilient fingers of said clip member and guiding said shield axially from a first position wherein said shield second portion surrounds said needle cannula second end to a second

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position wherein said second end of said needle cannula is exposed, and a spring resiliently biasing said shield axially to normally extend said shield second portion to surround said needle cannula second end, wherein at least one of said channel-shaped tracks includes an opening through a side wall of said shield which receives said outwardly inclined end portion of one of said resilient hook-shaped fingers when said shield is first retracted to said second position and then extended to said first position by said spring and locking said shield in said first position to limit access to said second end of said needle cannula.

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14. (Amended) The pen needle and safety shield system defined in Claim 11, wherein said one of said channel-shaped tracks in said shield includes a resilient inwardly projecting finger portion adjacent said opening resiliently biasing said one of said fingers inwardly and releasably retaining said shield in said first position prior to retraction of said shield to said second position and said resilient finger portion in said track initially guiding said one of said fingers over said opening when said shield is first extended to said first position from said second position.

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21. (Amended) A pen needle and safety shield assembly, comprising:  
a pen needle having a generally tubular body portion including an open end, a needle hub member having a generally tubular body portion received over said pen needle open end, a needle cannula secured by said needle hub having a first end extending into said tubular body portion of said pen needle and an opposed second end, a clip member having a generally tubular body portion mounted on said tubular body portion of said hub member having a plurality of radially extending ribs, a generally cup-shaped retractable shield including a tubular body portion having an open end, a generally closed end portion having a central opening therethrough receiving said second end portion of said needle cannula therethrough, and a plurality of radial grooves extending through a side wall of said tubular body portion from adjacent said generally closed end portion to adjacent said